SHORT TERM TRADING STRATEGIES THAT WORK:

A Quantified Guide to Trading Stocks and ETFs

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CHAPTER 10

Double 7's Strategy

"It's 30-minutes away... I'll be there in 10."

Winston WolfePulp Fiction

Can a strategy with three rules really have correctly predicted the markets' direction over 80% of the time since 1995?

In *How Markets Really Work* and throughout this book, I showed you how when the markets pullback, they have outperformed the times that the market has broken out. This has been further tested out by us on a universe of many thousands of stocks, encompassing hundreds of thousands of simulated trades going back more than 13 years.

We can demonstrate this many different ways and in this chapter, I'm going to share with you a simple strategy using this concept. And the best thing about this strategy, known as the **Double 7's Strategy**, is that it only has three rules. Here they are.

- **1.** The SPY is above its 200-day moving average
- **2.** If the SPY closes at a 7-day low, buy.
- **3.** If the SPY closes at a 7-day high, sell your long position.

You're probably thinking to yourself that's it?

We did the same. But here are the results since the inception of the SPYs in 1993.

	Inception				Net
Symbol	Date	# Trades	Avg % p/l	% Correct	Points
SPY	1/29/93	153	0.85%	80.4%	122.36

The Double 7's Strategy picked up 100% of the gains and then some in the SPY since 1993 being in the market less than 25% of the time. Here is what the set up looks like.

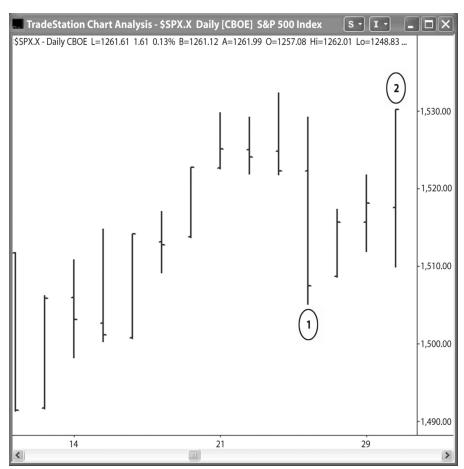


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Figure 10.1 SPX.X

- **1.** 7-day closing low buy.
- **2.** 7-day closing high sell.

Going further:

This same concept holds up in the Nasdaq too. Here are the results.

Symbol	Inception Date	# Trades	Avg % p/l	% Correct	Net Points
QQQQ	03/10/99	68	0.93%	79.4%	31.30

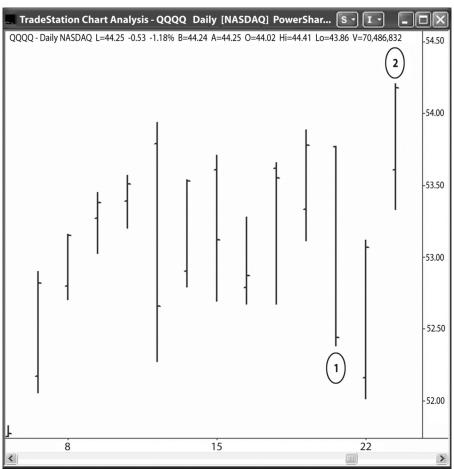


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Figure 10.2 QQQQ

- **1.** 7-day closing low buy.
- **2.** 7-day closing high sell.

And we can take the Double 7's Strategy to other countries too. Here are the results for China using the FXIs since their inception of trading through the end of 2007.

China (FXI)

	Inception				Net
Symbol	Date	# Trades	Avg % p/l	% Correct	Points
FXI	10/08/04	26	1.41%	76.9%	33.20

And Brazil using the EWZs since their inception of trading through the end of 2007.

Brazil (EWZ)

	Inception				Net
Symbol	Date	# Trades	Avg % p/l	% Correct	Points
EWZ	7/14/00	63	1.82%	81.0%	52.75

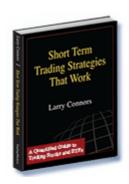
And you can apply this same concept to Double 5's, Double 6's, Double 8's, Double 9's and Double 10's. They all hold up well in the testing. They also hold up in the majority of the equity ETFs as of 2008.

I get real, real concerned when I see trading strategies with too many rules (you should too).

Three hundred years ago the Spanish philosopher Baltazar Gracian said "If brief, good. If briefer, better." When it comes to trading strategies (and many other things in life) this wisdom is exactly correct.

You can find a daily list of set-ups for the Double 7's Strategy on my Daily Battle Plan Trading Service which is also available on TradingMarkets.com.

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